

CITY OF BRAWLEY
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
April 17, 2018

The Parks and Recreation Department of the City of Brawley, California met in a regular session at 12:05 PM, Lions Center Small Meeting Room, 225 A Street, Brawley, California, the date, time and place duly established for the holding of said meeting.

The meeting was called to order by: Miller 12:05pm

PRESENT: Hamby, Estrada, Jauregui, Benavides, Miller, Walla

ABSENT: Cornejo, Garcia

STAFF: Perez, Mello, Self

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as submitted m/s/c: Benavides/Walla

2. PUBLIC APPEARANCES/COMMENTS: None

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Parks and Recreation Committee minutes for March 20, 2018 were approved as submitted. m/s/c: Benavides/Walla

4. REGULAR BUSINESS

a. Senior Center and Hinojosa Park Projects:

Perez reported construction will begin at the Senior Center April 30, 2018. Projected time line is 60 days with no change orders and Self reported all Senior Center phone calls will be forwarded to the Teen Center where the senior nutrition program and senior activities will occur. Perez stated Hinojosa construction has started but there were some problems with the contractors hitting waterlines. Moore reported projected time line for completion is by September which is when the funds for the project needs to be spent by however it could be completed by mid-July. Walla asked if they will work on planting grass on the field and Perez responded just patching. The field will be graded and there will be one change order for the Hinojosa Project that we are aware of. The sprinkler system will be placed in a different location and sleeves are being placed for future electrical work for lighting to the horse shoe, Kiosk and exercise equipment area. Miller asked if there will be extra outlets and Moore answered the plan was drawn up by in house engineer which doesn't include electrical engineer, but perhaps in the future it can be revisited.

b. Volunteer vandalism:

Perez reported there was damage done to the west side batting cage. Someone cut the netting off and left it in the trash can as if they were going to return for it later. They left a knife at the scene. The netting belongs to Little League and they would need to repair it.

c. Donations:

Perez reported the City of Brawley Parks & Recreation received donations of 211 pounds of Bermuda Seed from Rubin Seed and 400 pounds of Bermuda from Tip Notch Seed. Dune Company donated a ton of fertilizer. With their generous donation we will be able to seed and fertilize 4

Parks. Thank you to Commissioner Jauregui for contacting these companies that supplied us with these donations.

d. Dive-In Movie:

Self reported the Dive-In Movie event will be Sunday July 1, 2018 and the department usually petitions the Commission Members to donate: hot dogs, hot dog buns, Capri Suns, water and chips. Any amount will be appreciated and Chairman Garcia usually provides the sound system. Last year we provided snow cones for the first 150 kids, but we might do something different this year. At this point we don't know what movie will be shown but we need to get licensing which costs \$385.00-\$500.00.

e. Budget Meetings:

Moore reported the general fund workshop will be Monday April 23, 2018 at 5pm in the Council Chamber and encouraged Commissioners to attend.

f. Opening of Splash Pad and Pool:

Self reported we will open the Lions Center Pool and Alyce Gereax Splash Pad on Memorial Day weekend, May 26, 2018. Perez said he's opening Splash Pad on Friday May 25, 2018 to make sure everything is running correctly. He stated one issue that is foreseen is with patrons not rinsing off before they enter the area. This will track grass and mud as well as sunscreen into the Splash Pad which in turn plugs up the system and causes a shut down for at least 30 minutes. As for the Pool, the heater is running on one pump and the new chemical tanks have been installed.

5. COMMISSION REPORTS

Benavides would like to bring July 4th event back to Brawley. She felt a lot of people don't want to travel and she handed out a map of what she would like to see done at Wiest Field. However, Wiest Field is not feasible for this event. Suggested to do this event at the Pool and grass area surrounding the Pool. Benavides wanted to see fireworks as well. Moore responded we would need to work up a budget and see if it can work. Self explained the Dive-In Movie is more successful and we had stopped the 4th of July event at the Park because it was poorly attended and the cost of staff was high. Mello stated employees would have to give up their holiday and the City would have to pay overtime. Benavides said it could run with volunteers and the City Staff at the meeting all agreed there would still need to be City Staff present. This item will be revisited with budget costs.

Perez reported the large Pool at the Skate Park was fenced because a piece of the pool edging was missing and it's a hazard to the attendees. Also, a backstop had been removed from Alyce Gereaux and crew would put it at Jeff Thornton since there were teams practicing at that Park.

Benavides asked about the status of the dugouts at Beechey Field. Perez mentioned it would be costly to cement the dugouts, but he will get quotes. Moore reported bleacher replacements was in the works as well which we're considering for the next fiscal year. Impact fees could be used 100% to do this but would need approval from City Council. No further business discussed.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was 1:07pm.

Rachael Zepeda, Administrative Secretary